

Interim Capital Projects

The following interim capital projects are submitted for consideration by the Committee on Finance and Facilities and the Commission on Higher Education. Detailed information on each project may be found on pages 2-4. Staff recommendations are included for your convenience.

Summary			
<u>Institution</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Action</u>
1. The Citadel	Law Barracks Replacement	\$ 17,700,000	increase/revise scope
2. Coastal Carolina	Atlantic Center Improvements	1,200,000	establish
3. Clemson	Calhoun Courts-Chill Water Lines	4,400,000	increase/revise scope
4. College of Chas.	Program/Academic Conversions		
	Various Campus Facilities	1,000,000	-increase
5. USC-Columbia	Kirkland Apartments Renovations	1,900,000	establish
6. Tri-County TC	Cleveland Hall Addition	800,000	change scope

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1. The Citadel

Law Barracks Replacement \$ 17,700,000 -increase/revise scope/change name
(Previous Budget = \$300,000)

Source of Funds: \$ 15,000,000 -revenue bonds
 3,000,000 -auxiliary maintenance reserve
 \$ 18,000,000

Discussion

This request is to increase the budget, revise the scope of work to include replacement costs, and change the name of the project to reflect the replacement of the project rather than the A&E work. The project will include the demolition of the existing Law Barracks and construction of a replacement building on the same site. The structure, which is 64 years old, is constructed of non-reinforced masonry. It has experienced extensive deterioration and does not meet current mechanical, seismic, or life-safety code requirements. Replacement of the project is the most cost effective means of dealing with the building's problems. Total estimated project cost is \$18,000,000.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of this project as proposed.

2. Coastal Carolina

Atlantic Center Improvements \$ 1,200,000 -establish
Source of Funds: \$ 400,000 -appro. state program funds
 400,000 -ICPF¹
 400,000 -renovation reserve funds
 \$ 1,200,000

Discussion

This request is for the renovation of an existing facility into space that will support the expanding College of Natural and Applied Science. The project will consist of renovating approximately 35,500 square feet of warehouse and office space in the old Atlantic Center to provide classrooms, faculty and support staff offices, and laboratory space for the science programs. The number of science majors continues to expand and the additional space is necessary to accommodate the student population. The science disciplines currently meet in temporary locations awaiting the construction of a large science facility.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of this project as proposed.

¹ Institutional Capital Project Funds

3. Clemson University

Calhoun Courts – Chill Water

Lines Replacement	\$ 4,400,000	-increase/revise scope
(Previous Budget = \$250,000)		
Source of Funds:	\$ 2,400,000	-housing revenue bonds
	<u>2,000,000</u>	-housing improvement fund
	\$ 4,400,000	

Discussion

This request is to add funds to amend the A&E contract to proceed past design development and to provide the design for new life safety systems including fire alarms and sprinklers. The scope is also being revised to include replacing fan coil units.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of this project as proposed.

4. College of Charleston

Program/Academic Conversions

Various Campus Facilities	\$ 1,000,000	-increase
(Previous Budget = \$1,947,000)		
Source of Funds:	\$ 1,000,000	-ICPF

Discussion

This project was established over ten years ago to enable the College to systematically respond to changing needs on the campus. The ability to convert space in response to changing needs is critical to the mission of the College. Past projects have included converting space for needed classrooms, labs and offices. The requested increase will be used primarily to adapt space in the old library, areas in the Lightsey Center and the Bell South Building to accommodate departments either being temporarily or permanently displaced due to renovations. These departments include student life personnel, School of Sciences and Mathematics functions, and School of the Arts faculty and activities.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of this project as proposed.

5. USC-Columbia

Kirkland Apartments	\$ 1,900,000	-establish
Source of funds	\$ 1,900,000	-federal

Discussion

This project is for the renovation of the Kirkland Apartments, a three-story, 14,173 square foot building currently owned by the USC Development Foundation. The University will lease the facility from the Foundation for a nominal fee, renovate it, and then will make it available to the

Department of Justice to be used by the staff of the National Advocacy Center. The project is to renovate and restore the interior and exterior of the facility. The total cost of the project is expected to be \$1.9 million.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of this project as proposed.

6. Tri-County TC

Cleveland Hall-Economic Dev.

Center Addition (Significant

change in scope) \$ 800,000 -change project name/revise scope

Source of Funds: \$ 800,000 -local funds

Discussion

The purpose of this request is to change the scope from deferred maintenance for four facilities to construction of additional space for one of the facilities. Under normal circumstances, changes in scope may be approved at staff level unless there are significant changes to the project.

The project was originally approved to upgrade the four facilities for mechanical, electrical, interior renovations, life safety and code compliance. In the interim, however, deferred maintenance for one of the facilities was completed through a separate project, and deferred maintenance at the remaining three buildings will also be addressed separately. The institution now proposes to construct an addition to Cleveland Hall, consisting of two classrooms and a 5500 square foot multi-purpose technology training lab.

The new space is needed to accommodate significant enrollment increases that will provide training to meet business and industry needs in the area. The project budget and source of funds has not changed. The College requests approval to change the name and scope of the project to reflect a new purpose.

The State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education (SBTCE) will consider this scope change at its May meeting.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the change in scope as described, pending SBTCE approval.

**Consideration of Higher Education Excellence Enhancement Program
Panel Recommendations**

During the 2003 Legislative Session, the General Assembly passed Act. 24, creating the Higher Education Excellence Enhancement Program. At the April Commission meeting, the proposed regulations for that program were approved. Those proposed regulations are currently proceeding through the Legislative approval process. In an effort to expedite the implementation of that program, the Commission staff has convened the review panel called for in the regulations process.

The panel will be meeting on Thursday April 29, 2004 to develop its recommendations. The panel will be considering a total of seven proposals received from five institutions. The relative merits of each proposal will be considered in developing recommendations to be presented to the Committee for consideration. The recommendations will be distributed to Committee and Commission members upon completion, and also posted on the Commission's webpage for public review.

The panel's recommendations will be presented to the Committee and Commission for consideration during their respective May 6, 2004 meetings. Any action by the Commission will be contingent upon final approval of the proposed regulations by the General Assembly, if such action has not occurred prior to the Commission meeting.